

Free Training Available to All Law Enforcement Agencies and Mental Health Service Organizations

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is funding free training for law enforcement officers and mental health professionals entitled, *Law Enforcement / Mental Health Services: A Community Based Response*. The intent of the training is to improve the quality of the responses to individuals with mental disorders by law enforcement officers, mental health practitioners, jail diversion officers, and other first-line practitioners.

The course consists of eight hours of training, which addresses:

- the behaviors associated with mental illness and developmental disabilities;
- proven verbal diffusion techniques and communication skills;
- safety considerations and personal awareness at the scene;
- the legal authority to act; and
- building partnerships within the community.

Each course is eight hours in length, unless otherwise noted, and each is taught by an instructor team consisting of a law enforcement trainer and a mental health trainer. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to dialog with consumers who have a mental illness or developmental disability.

This training will be offered at regional locations throughout the year, so please visit our web site often for the latest updates regarding times and locations.

Each training session is open to all professional disciplines that interact with people with mental disorders. MCOLES in-service credit is available for law enforcement officers who complete this training.

Dates and locations:

September 5, 2008. The training will be hosted by Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice, 1407 S. Harrison Road, 3rd Floor conference room, East Lansing, Mich., starting at 8:30 a.m. To register, please contact Sandi Cox at 517-355-9648 or 1-800-892-9051, or by email at coxsa@msu.edu.

September 8, 2008. The training will be hosted by the Parnall Correctional Facility, at the Dale Foltz Training Center, 4901 Hawkins Road, Jackson, Mich., starting at 8:30 a.m. To register, please contact Marilyn at 517-780-6318 or Joanne at 517-780-6319, no later than August 29, 2008.

September 9, 2008. The training will be hosted by the Parnall Correctional Facility, at the Dale Foltz Training Center, 4901 Hawkins Road, Jackson, Mich., starting at 8:30 a.m.

To register, please contact Marilyn at 517-780-6318 or Joanne at 517-780-6319, no later than August 29, 2008.

September 10, 2008. The training will be hosted by the Parnall Correctional Facility, at the Dale Foltz Training Center, 4901 Hawkins Road, Jackson, Mich., starting at 8:30 a.m. To register, please contact Marilyn at 517-780-6318 or Joanne at 517-780-6319, no later than August 29, 2008.

September 11, 2008. The training will be hosted by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, at the Detroit Marriott Pontiac (Centerpoint), 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac, Mich., starting at 8:00 a.m. To register, please contact Sergeant David Mailloux by phone at 248-858-4995 or Sergeant Russ Yeiser at 248-858-5474. Note: there is an instructor training session (TTT) scheduled for October 3, 2008 in conjunction with this training. You may register for either or both sessions.

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September 15, 2008. The training will be hosted by the Parnall Correctional Facility, at the Dale Foltz Training Center, 4901 Hawkins Road, Jackson, Mich., starting at 8:30 a.m. To register, please contact Marilyn at 517-780-6318 or Joanne at 517-780-6319, no later than August 29, 2008.

September 18, 2008. The training will be hosted by Network 180 of Kent County, at the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College, 1800 East Beltline SE, Grand Rapids, Mich., starting at 8:00 a.m. To register, please contact Cindy at 616-526-7200.

October 2, 2008. The training will be hosted by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, at the Detroit Marriott Pontiac (Centerpoint), 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac, Mich., starting at 8:00 a.m. To register, please contact Sergeant David Mailloux by phone at 248-858-4995 or Sergeant Russ Yeiser at 248-858-5474. Note: there is an instructor training session (TTT) scheduled for October 3, 2008 in conjunction with this training. You may register for either or both sessions.

October 8, 2008. The training will be hosted by Washtenaw Community College, at the Morris Lawrence / Towsley Auditorium Building, rooms 105/121, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich., starting at 8:30 a.m. To register, please contact the Police Academy - Public Service Training Programs at 734-677-5024.

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October 30, 2008. The training will be hosted by Network 180 of Kent County, at the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College, 1800 East Beltline SE, Grand Rapids, Mich., starting at 8:00 a.m. To register, please contact Cindy at 616-526-7200.

November 5, 2008. The training will be hosted by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, at Wayne County Community College, 21000 Northline Road, Taylor, Mich., Room N-59, starting at 8:00 a.m. To register, please contact Sgt. James Combs at 734-287-2225.